

TEST: LESSONS 15 AND 16

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Part A Choosing the Best Definition

On the answer line, write the letter of the best definition of the italicized word.

1. Anthony repeated the lab experiment after his chemistry teacher questioned the *aberrant* results.
a. inaccurate
b. deviating from expectations
c. mediocre
d. difficult to understand
2. The builder plans to *raze* the supermarket and replace it with an apartment building.
a. restore
b. open
c. purchase
d. tear down
3. The president's baseball cap seemed amusingly *incongruous* with his dark suit, formal tie, and well shined shoes.
a. lighthearted
b. youthful
c. incompatible
d. creative
4. With hard work, this company can *surmount* the problems caused by the recent bad publicity and emerge as an industry leader.
a. overcome
b. prove false
c. destroy
d. hush up
5. An *unwonted* hush fell over the class when the teacher walked into the room.
a. awkward
b. uncommon
c. suspenseful
d. humorous
6. A group of wealthy investors bought enough stock to *wrest* control of the company.
a. dissolve
b. plunder
c. obtain by force
d. rise to the top of
7. Many people do not realize it, but quite a few common household cleaners are *caustic*.
a. exactly the same
b. easy to make
c. cruelly sarcastic
d. burning and corrosive
8. This dry weather will have a *deleterious* effect on my vegetable garden.
a. unavoidable
b. harmful
c. widespread
d. promising
9. Although your job consists of a lot of *mundane* clerical tasks, if you are reliable and accurate, you'll soon be promoted.
a. ordinary
b. numerical
c. difficult
d. vital
10. Noting an *anomaly* in the column of figures, the accountant decided to recheck the math.
a. decrease
b. departure from the normal
c. exaggeration
d. obvious mistake

TEST: LESSONS 17 AND 18

(pages 107–118)

Part A Choosing the Best Definition

On the answer line, write the letter of the best definition of the italicized word.

1. Aleni's *domineering* manner has cost her several friendships over the last few years.
a. overbearing c. hopeless
b. disinterested d. inconsiderate 1. _____
2. Ashley's interest in knitting *waned* after she realized how much time it required.
a. increased c. diminished 2. _____
b. returned d. originated
3. We spent the *halcyon* days of August at our family's lakeside cottage in Michigan.
a. old-fashioned c. luxurious 3. _____
b. rustic d. peaceful
4. The coach was embarrassed to learn that his *tirade* in the final minutes of the game was filmed by television cameras.
a. mood change c. angry speech 4. _____
b. error d. gesture
5. When the baby began to cry, the nanny reached a hand into her *commodious* handbag and pulled out a rattle, a rag doll, and a small blanket.
a. untidy c. odd-looking 5. _____
b. spacious d. very small
6. Janice is feeling *lachrymose* this weekend, knowing she will soon leave her family and friends for a year of study abroad.
a. tearful c. fearful 6. _____
b. excited d. confused
7. To the speaker's annoyance, one person kept interrupting to ask *picayune* questions.
a. mockingly challenging c. of little importance 7. _____
b. embarrassing d. repetitive
8. "Honestly, sometimes I think that my brother hasn't got an *iota* of common sense," exclaimed Ruth.
a. fair share c. tiny amount 8. _____
b. knowledge or understanding d. something inherited
9. Raymond's patience is *finite*, so you'd better not disturb him a third time!
a. nonexistent c. accommodating 9. _____
b. limited d. decreasing
10. Robyn *reveled* in the glorious garden all afternoon.
a. took delight c. hosted guests 10. _____
b. worked d. rested

TEST: LESSONS 19 AND 20

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Part A Choosing the Best Definition

On the answer line, write the letter of the best definition of the italicized word.

1. During the museum's *jubilee*, visitors were treated to refreshments and free admission.
- a. opening days
b. holiday observance
c. special family program
d. 50-year anniversary celebration

1. _____

2. The emperor's brave daughter refused to *kowtow* to the evil man who stole her father's throne.
- a. be wedded
b. show submission
c. pay taxes
d. express gratitude

2. _____

3. The battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, is a *mecca* for Civil War buffs.
- a. place of sadness
b. center of interest
c. subject of study
d. holy or sacred belief

3. _____

4. Jill realized that her son was sick when he became tired and *apathetic*.
- a. pale
b. irritable
c. confused
d. indifferent

4. _____

5. I spent a lot of time trying to train Max, but that *ingrate* quit without even telling me.
- a. unreliable person
b. person who is not thankful
c. unbeliever
d. wicked person

5. _____

6. Usually *timorous* about speaking up in public, Misha felt so strongly about the issue that he was able to speak passionately and at length.
- a. bold
b. polite
c. fearful
d. modest

6. _____

7. Gandhi showed the world an example of both *piety* and compassion for others.
- a. generosity
b. religious reverence
c. hard work
d. personal courage

7. _____

8. The serial killer was caught and tried for his *heinous* crimes.
- a. well documented
b. unprecedented
c. grossly wicked
d. cowardly

8. _____

9. I couldn't believe that Ernest, the inveterate couch potato, had the *sanctimony* to tell me that I should get more exercise!
- a. rashness
b. lack of emotion; indifference
c. vulgarity
d. false show of righteousness

9. _____

10. The building was *consecrated* in 1475, but the last stained-glass window was not completed until fifteen years later.
- a. dedicated
b. condemned
c. widely used
d. inspected

10. _____